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Education

- 2003** School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Illinois, M.F.A., Sculpture
2000 Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, B.A. with high honors, Visual Arts
1998 School of Visual Arts, New York, New York

Teaching Experience

- 2008 – 2015** Rhodes College, Memphis, Tennessee, Assistant Professor of Art

Solo Exhibitions

- 2017** Gallery Nine 5, New York, NY (upcoming)
John Davis Gallery, Hudson, New York (upcoming)
Baum Gallery, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas (upcoming)
- 2016** *Exchange*, Heritage Plaza, Houston, Texas
- 2015** *Intervals and Disturbances*, University of Mississippi Museum, Oxford, Mississippi
Sculpture and Drawings, Fairbanks Gallery, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon
Unbounded, Rice Gallery, Houston, Texas
Elegy to the Disappearance of Objects, Turchin Center for Visual Arts, Boone, North Carolina
- 2014** *Cloud Morphology*, Crosstown Arts, Memphis, Tennessee
- 2013** *Propagation*, Davidson Galleries, Seattle, Washington
- 2011** Allen Priebe Gallery, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, Oshkosh, Wisconsin
Limits of the Mind, Coleman Burke Gallery, New York, New York
On Growth, Clough-Hansen Gallery, Memphis, Tennessee
- 2008** Plane Space, New York, New York
John Davis Gallery, Hudson, New York
Zg Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
- 2007** Coleman Burke Gallery, Brunswick, Maine
- 2006** Suyama Space, Seattle, Washington
- 2005** Plane Space, New York, New York
Ben Butler: New Sculptures and Works on Paper, Zg Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
Northeastern Illinois University Fine Arts Center Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
- 2003** Plane Space, New York, New York
Species & Sediment, Zg Gallery, Chicago, Illinois

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2016** American Academy of Arts and Letters Invitational Exhibition, New York, New York
- 2015** Quogue Gallery, Quogue, New York
John Davis Gallery, Hudson, New York
Watson McRae Gallery, Sanibel, Florida
- 2014** *Outside / In*, K. Imperial Fine Art, San Francisco, California
- 2013** *Resplendent*, University of Arkansas Fine Arts Center Gallery, Fayetteville, Arkansas
Scope, Hyde Gallery, Memphis College of Art, Memphis, Tennessee
Present Tense, Dixon Gallery and Gardens, Memphis, Tennessee
- 2012** *Gallery Artists*, Zg Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
Wood, Paper & Fiber, The Art Gallery, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland
Fractured, The Hunterdon Art Museum, Clinton, New Jersey
Material Matters, Peerless Gallery, Omaha, Nebraska
- 2011** John Davis Gallery, Hudson, New York
Architecture, Silas Marder Gallery, Bridgehampton, New York
Chain Letter, Samson Gallery, Boston, Massachusetts
Winter Group Show, Zg Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
- 2010** *Simple Gifts*, Hancock Shaker Village, Lenox, Massachusetts
Ucross Alumni, Nicolaysen Museum of Art, Casper, Wyoming
John Davis Gallery, Hudson, New York
- 2008** *Infrastructure*, Zg Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
Gangbusters, Plane Space, New York, New York
- 2007** *Tiny*, Whitney Art Works, Portland, Maine
John Davis Gallery, Hudson, New York
- 2006** John Davis Gallery, Hudson, New York
Bowdoin Alumni Print Exhibition, ICON Gallery, Brunswick, Maine
Contemporary Outdoor Sculpture at Chesterwood, Chesterwood, Stockbridge, Massachusetts
Gallery Artists: Inaugural Exhibition, John Davis Gallery, Hudson, New York
- 2005** *Working Process*, Zg Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
- 2004** *Drawings*, Plane Space, New York, New York
Summer Show '04, Zg Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
Perfect, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, Illinois
- 2003** *As Small As Possible*, Zg Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
Depiction, Gallery 400, Chicago, Illinois
Compendium, Zg Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
Waiting, (with Rena Leinberger), Evanston Art Center, Evanston, Illinois
- 2002** *12" x 12" A Group Show*, Zg Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
The Stray Show, MN Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
Glacial Erratics, University of W. Alabama, Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition, Livingston, Alabama
16th Evanston & Vicinity Biennial, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, Illinois

Commissions and Collections

- 2015** West Cancer Center, Sculpture Commission, Memphis, Tennessee
Overton Park Old Forest Entry Portal, Sculpture Commission, Memphis, Tennessee
- 2014** Loews Chicago Hotel, Sculpture Commission, Chicago, Illinois
- 2013** Hyatt Regency Chicago, Sculpture and Mural Commission, Chicago, Illinois
- 2013** Music City Center, Drawing and Sculpture Commission, Nashville, Tennessee
- 2010** Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, Sculpture Commission, Memphis, Tennessee
- 2008** John Deere Corporation, Sculpture Purchase, Moline, Illinois

Awards

- 2013** Arts Memphis Individual Artist Grant
- 2006** Pollock-Krasner Foundation Individual Artist Grant

Residencies / Fellowships

- 2016** Crosstown Arts, Artist Residency, Memphis, Tennessee
- 2014** ACRE, Artist Residency, Steuben, Wisconsin
- 2008** Bemis Center for Contemporary Art, Artist Residency, Omaha, Nebraska
- 2007** Norton Island Artist Residency, Norton Island, Maine
- 2005** Art Omi, Artist Residency, Ghent, New York
- 2004** MacDowell Colony, Artist Residency, Peterborough, New Hampshire
Vermont Studio Center, Artist Residency, Johnson, Vermont
- 2003** Plane Space, Artist Residency, New York, New York
- 2001** Dorland Mountain Arts Colony, Artist Residency, Temecula, California
- 2000** Ucross Foundation, Artist Residency, Clearmont, Wyoming
Vermont Studio Center, Artist Residency, Johnson, Vermont

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